

REMARKS

Objection To The Specification

The title of the invention is objected to for failing to be adequately descriptive. A new title is submitted herein to more clearly describe the subject matter to which the claims are directed.

Objection To The Abstract

The Abstract is objected to because of the usage of the word "disclose" in addition to being too long. A replacement Abstract with the required amendments is submitted herein.

Claim Objection

Claim 20 is objected to for depending on claim 21 instead of claim 20. The necessary amendment has been made and is in the listing of the claims.

Preliminary Amendment

Herein, a preliminary amendment to the claims is presented for examination because the claims to this Office Action have not yet been examined on the merits.

Claims 1, 3, 11, 15, 17-19, 24-28, 32, 38 and 39 are canceled without prejudice. Applicant may pursue the subject matter of the canceled claims in this or other related applications.

Applicant has made minor amendments herein to claims 2, 4-10, 12-14, 20-23, 29-31, 33-37 to voluntarily correct certain instances of antecedent basis errors and clarify the claimed invention.

Applicant has voluntarily amended the present application to present new claims 40-55. These new claims, claims 40-55, add no new matter. Applicant further notes that this voluntary amendment is not made for any reason related to patentability of the present application, but rather simply to clarify the claimed invention.

Double Patenting

Claims 1-39 are provisionally rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting over co-pending United States Patent Application No. 10/604,971. Should the Examiner find the subject matter of the claims, as submitted herein in a preliminary amendment, allowable after examination but hold that the allowable claims stand rejected on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting, Applicant will be agreeable to submitting a proper terminal disclaimer at that time.

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Authorization To Charge Necessary Fees

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional necessary fees associated with this submission, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0289.

Respectfully submitted,

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